



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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Date: May 8, 2015

To: Interested Health Care Professionals and Professional Organizations
Subject: **Recruiting Health Technology Assessment Committee Members**
Due Date: **Monday June 11, 2015**

Dear Interested Health Care Professional and Professional Organizations,

The Health Care Authority's (HCA) Health Technology Assessment program is accepting applications and nominations for the Health Technology Clinical Committee (HTCC). The HTCC helps the State of Washington ensure that health services used and paid for by state government are safe and improve health outcomes for our citizens. The HTCC uses an open process and relies on evidence-based information about safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness to inform committee determinations for coverage and reimbursement of health technologies that are prioritized for assessment.

Authorizing legislation requires the HCA director to appoint 11 committee members who use health technology in their scope of practice. **HCA has three pending vacancies to fill. We would appreciate your help in encouraging or nominating highly qualified and interested practicing licensed health professionals who use health technology in their scope of practice to apply for these open HTCC positions.**

Members of the HTCC cannot have substantial financial conflict of interest such as interest in a health technology company, including the holding of stock options, or the receipt of honoraria or consultant monies, and they must be willing to complete a conflict of interest disclosure form and agree to other membership requirements.

Key qualities that the HCA seeks for the committee include:

- Active practitioners.
- Diverse membership in geographic location, gender, and ethnic and racial background.
- Knowledge of and experience with evidence-based medicine including experience, training or education focused on fields relevant to evidence-based medicine:
 - Clinical epidemiology, health economics, health services research, public health, biostatistics, medical quality management, public health system planning and evaluation, cost-effectiveness analysis, decision sciences, clinical effectiveness, health informatics, biometrics or outcomes research.

Additionally, HCA seeks a range of practitioner types and specialties that use health technologies (medical and surgical devices and procedures, medical equipment, and diagnostic tests). The target categories below include some examples:

- Diagnostic Services – Radiology, pathology, internal medicine, emergency medicine

- Primary Care Services – Family practice, internal medicine, nurse practitioner, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology
- Surgical Services – Orthopedics, neurosurgery, cardiology, anesthesiology, obstetrics/ gynecology, podiatry, dentistry
- Rehabilitative Services – Rehabilitation medicine, chiropractic, prosthetics and orthotics, physical, occupational, or rehabilitative therapy,
- Additional Health Services – Mental health, dental, chiropractic and complementary/ alternative medicine (e.g. acupuncture, naturopathy, massage therapy)

The committee meets for a full day in the months of January, March, May, September and November. Committee members are reimbursed for travel and on an hourly basis for time in meetings. In addition, the authorizing legislation provides indemnification related to HTCC participation.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions about serving on the committee or have someone you wish to nominate for the committee you can find more information on the HTA program website at: www.hca.wa.gov/hta. Each applicant must submit a curriculum vitae/resume, an application and a signed conflict of interest form to be considered.

DUE DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2015

To apply: Application and conflict of interest forms are available on the HTA website: www.hca.wa.gov/hta/Pages/vacancy.aspx.

By the due date, submit an electronic version of your curriculum vitae/resume, application and signed conflict of interest disclosure to: shtap@hca.wa.gov.

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